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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Re: Project #17-065, Fresenius Kidney Care New Lenox

Dear Ms. Olson:

As mayor of New Lenox, I am aware of the needs of those I serve. I am writing this letter on their behalf to convey my support for the proposed Fresenius Kidney Care New Lenox dialysis clinic. This facility would greatly benefit our community not only by providing excellent quality of care for our dialysis recipients, but also will create employment opportunities for the area residents.

Fresenius Kidney Care has been treating residents of New Lenox for many years in the nearby communities of Mokena and Joliet. In their ongoing commitment to serve all patient populations I welcome their desire to offer dialysis services right in New Lenox. A new dialysis clinic near Silver Cross Hospital will only compliment the many services our residents have access to there.

Furthermore, as the population is aging, it is increasingly important to provide readily available access to dialysis services and we look forward to this much needed addition to our community.

In summary, I believe the Fresenius Kidney Care New Lenox facility would be extremely beneficial to our residents who require dialysis treatment. I respectfully ask the Board to vote favorably for this much needed facility.

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